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DUE PROCESS PROPOSALS

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1. AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR KASTOFT APRIL 25 U.S. VIEWS ON ARTICLE 17 OF THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE ILO CONFERENCE PER REFTEL. KASTOFT REACTED GENERALLY FAVORABLY TO OUR VIEWS. SPECIFICALLY, HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT A COUNTRY UNDER DISCUSSION WOULD BE PART OF THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN, BUT WAS UNCERTAIN THAT THE PROHIBITION SHOULD NECESSARILY BE IN THE TEXT. (PARA 6, REFTEL).

2. PER PARA 7 REFTEL, KASTOFT DID NOT AGREE WITH OUR VIEWS THAT "CONDEMNS" WOULD BE READ TOO NARROWLY. HE THOUGHT THAT SO LONG AS DUE PROCESS IS PROTECTED THERE SHOULD BE NO INFRINGEMENT ON THE RIGHT OF MEMBERS TO CRITICIZE THE ACTIONS OF A COUNTRY. HE BELIEVED THE ILO DUE PROCESS MACHINERY WOULD BE EFFECTIVE UNDER THE PRESENT PROPOSED LANGUAGE.

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3. KASTOFT VIEWED AS MOST IMPORTANT OUR CONCERNS ABOUT "EXCEPTIONAL CASES" AND SAID HE LIKED OUR SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE PER PARAS 9 AND 11 REFTEL.

4. KASTOFT SAID HE WOULD RAISE THE FOREGOING ORALLY WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE EC-9 DURING THE COURSE OF THE DAY (APRIL 25) AND SEEK AN OPPORTUNITY WITH THEIR CONCURRENCE

TO RAISE THE VIEWS WITH THE G-77 LATER THIS WEEK DURING THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE. HE THOUGHT AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION WOULD ARISE.

5. ON THE MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE, KASTOFT OPINED THAT THE OPENING SESSIONS APRIL 24 WERE NOT TOO ENCOURAGING INsofar AS THE G-77 APPEARED TO BE DIVIDED AND UNPREPARED TO MAKE SERIOUS PROPOSALS ON THE STRUCTURE ISSUE. AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL OBSERVED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD REASSERTED THEMSELVES, RAISING THE QUESTION OF THE FIVE REGIONS AND EMPHASIZED THAT ANY AGREEMENT FOR A FIFTH REGION WOULD MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES TO RETURN TO THE ILO, OTHER DEVELOPMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING. ACKNOWLEDGING THE PROBLEMS SUCH A STEP WOULD CREATE FOR THE UNITED STATES, KASTOFT STATED HIS BELIEF THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD IN THE END ACCEPT A CONTINUATION OF THE FOUR REGIONS. HE NOTED THAT THE RESOLUTION OF THE AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS ISSUED APRIL 21 REAFFIRMS THE FOUR REGION STRUCTURE.

6. KASTOFT WAS MUCH MORE CONCERNED THAT THE PRESENT MEETING MIGHT NOT MAKE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TO HAVE A CONCRETE SCHEME BY THE JUNE CONFERENCE. SHOULD THIS OCCUR, IT WOULD BE HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT THE STRUCTURE ISSUE WOULD BE RESOLVED THIS YEAR. VANDEN HEUVEL

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